

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THIS YEAR'S KQED'S LOCAL HERO AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, we have just recently commemorated our national holiday recognizing the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and we are about to enter February, the month designated Black History Month. We as a nation recognize and celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our society. As part of that celebration, KQED Public Broadcasting has recognized six individuals and I rise today in order to pay tribute to these six, who have made significant contributions to the African American community.

KQED has provided the Bay Area with high quality noncommercial media since 1954. The station call letters represent an acronym for the Latin "quod erat demonstrandum" (which was to be demonstrated) a motto the station has continuously lived up to by airing programming that makes its listeners think, feel and explore new ideas. As part of its commitment to the public KQED recognizes and rewards those who work tirelessly, and sometimes thanklessly, to try and better the place they live with a "Local Hero Award". The Award spotlights the achievements in particular individuals and profiles them with KQED programming throughout the month.

This year KQED has chosen six extraordinary individuals who have dedicated their lives to improving their community. I would like to share a few words about each of these well deserving recipients.

Mr. Speaker, three of the recipients, Dr. Veronica Hunt, Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. and Terrance Kelly, have been tremendous examples in the field of education. Dr. Hunt has worked for the last 35 years to expand educational and job-training opportunities for the residents in her community. As the dean of the Southeast Campus of City College of San Francisco, she has expanded the school's curriculum and instituted new programs, including the Partnership to Achieve Academic Success, a wonderful mentoring program. She recently became involved in a program that moves incarcerated young people from the penal system to college.

Dr. Smith is the Senior Pastor at the Allen Temple Baptist Church as well as a professor at the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, California. He has ranked among the 100 Most Influential Black Americans, and was named one of the Top 15 Greatest Black Preachers of 1993. Dr. Smith has authored 16 books, spoken throughout the world, and earned numerous awards, including the Greenlining Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Kelly provides guidance to many in the community through music. Terrance is the Artistic Director at the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, as well as the director of the Foothill

Community College Gospel Choir. He provides guidance to adults and children alike, as well as to stars like Linda Ronstadt and the Kronos Quartet. Terrance won an Emmy Award for the 1995 choral arrangement of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir's KGO-TV public service announcement.

Mr. Speaker, Mikael Wagner is a leader in the public health field. He has sought to empower those disenfranchised populations in the Bay Area, and has been instrumental in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention campaigns. He is also the founder and president of Promotions West, a public relations firm that helps local and national organizations implement community outreach strategies. He established a financial literacy training program called "MoneyWi\$e", which has benefited thousands of people.

In the arts, Sally Joan Baker and Andre White are proven leaders capable of influencing their community on a grand scale. Ms. Baker has worked for the last 20 years trying to reach at-risk children through poetry. Sally is the Executive Producer and host of WEE POETS, a weekly television program where children ages 7 to 13 recite original poems on camera. She allows children to express themselves through poetry in front of a wide audience. She provides free television technician internships to unskilled, at-risk teens. The internships have led 95 percent of participants to major in broadcasting when they go to college.

Mr. Andre White is a renowned portrait painter. He was commissioned to paint the portrait of our friend and former colleague, Congressman Ron Dellums in 1996, which hangs in the House Armed Services Committee Room. Andre received a commission for the portrait of District Court Judge Vanessa Gilmore and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Andre's works are displayed in private and public collections across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of these extraordinary Bay Area residents. These activists are shaping the future of the next generation through the arts, in education and in the field of public health. Their contributions to the African American community are of the utmost importance and will be cherished for years to come.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 65 OF EXTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 65 of Exton, Pennsylvania on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

Troop 65 is a tremendous group of young men that practices the policy of "boy-led and boy-run" in the development of team work,

leadership skills and personal responsibility. They develop the rules and standards to adhere to and work together to accomplish their many goals, and objectives. Interestingly, Troop 65 is also known locally as the "Cooking Troop." Troop 65's scouts have learned through the years to prepare and cook such delicious meals as chicken stir-fry, peach cobbler, and double chocolate cake.

Beyond the culinary arts, Troop 65 participates in many outdoor activities. The Troop camps one weekend a month in places throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey. In addition to the traditional camping trips, Troop 65 also participates in such "High Adventures" as canoeing on the Shenandoah River. Also, each July, Troop 65 sends a contingent to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. This group is a select bunch who are elected to participate by peers and the Troop contributes half the fees for this trip.

Troop 65 is also actively involved in environmental stewardship. The Troop participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program on the Route 30 bypass in the area, which includes quarterly trips up and down the two mile stretch of road to collect litter.

In addition, Troop 65 has the distinguished honor of having graduated over 50 Eagle Scouts. The Eagle Scouts from Troop 65 have participated in numerous Eagle service projects across the region, including such locations as the Brandywine Valley Association, Okehocking Nature Preserve, West Chester Presbyterian Church, Uwchlan Friends Meeting House, and the Exton Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the scouts, great leaders, and scout parents of Troop 65 past and present for the outstanding contributions they have made in their community and for the positive development of the moral, physical, and emotional well-being of the young men who have participated in the Troop over the past 50 years.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE JOHN V. CORRIGAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge John V. Corrigan, retired Ohio Appellate Judge, United States Veteran, beloved husband, father, friend and mentor to many. His brilliant legacy is reflected in the courtroom and throughout our community, where he was admired and respected for his insight, integrity and sincere concern for the people of Cleveland.

Judge Corrigan's steadfast work ethic and strong sense of service to others were inextricable facets of who he was and characterized how he lived his life. He grew up in

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